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Title : Regarding problems being faced by tailoring workers in different parts of the country.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the need for enacting a comprehensive legislation for the tailoring workers of India. The total number of tailoring workers in India comes to about four crore and the total number of family members comes to about 12 crore. They are doing their traditional work for a very long time. However, due to the advent of mechanised systems, they are unable to get enough work. Not only that, they are getting very low wages. Considering their past experience and also the traditional nature of their work, the Central Government can do something more to help them. The Government of Kerala and the Government of Tamil Nadu have already enacted laws providing for welfare funds for the tailoring workers. Therefore, I would request the Government of India to enact a comprehensive legislation to set up a welfare fund for the tailoring sector.